THE REFLECTIONS As to Wedding OF A KNOCKER Presents.

"That's a case of double taxation if ever there was one," growled the Knocker, when Mr. Redface asked him what he thought of the proposed tax on bachelors. "If they ever passed such a tax measure I'd fight it from the police court to the supreme hefore I'd pay."

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when June comes it's me for the woods or bankruptey."

"Can't you get the things on tick?" asked Redface.

"Yes, but that doesn't help any," returned the Knocker, sadly. "You see I worked the tick act last year and until I've paid that off I can't add any new items to the list. The way I'm situated now, credit or no credit, it's the equivalent of a C. O. D., transaction. I submit to you that fir the light of these social requirements that keep the poor bachelor diving down into his pockets all the year round, and especially in the springtime when the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, the idea of taxing him as a penalty for remaining single is not only wrong but rotten."

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"Don't married men have to give up to their bride friends?" demanded Red-

"Of course they do," said the Knocker. "But that's what I call the rebate end of it. The married man and his wife have presumably received enough things when they got married to square things when they got married to square the whole account, past, present or future. Everybody that he has given things to as a bachelor antes up when he becomes a benedict—pays back, as it were. If I were going to be married tomorrow the lucky bride would doubtless receive as many ormula clocks, olive dishes, pearl brooches, coffee sets, lamps and oyster forks as I have given and enough besides to cover any future contingencies. It's the bachelor alone that suffers, Redface, and on top of it some legislative duffer comes along and suggests taxing him! Why, it's outrageous. Why, I know a man out in New England who's been engaged to be married for fourteen years and, by fingo, he can't afford to do it because buying wedding presents for other peo-

"Bosh!" ejaculated Rediace. "Why don't he get married and get even as you say he can?"
"Because he has a dread of speculation," replied the Knocked, "and declines to go into the marriage market on margin."

"It drives me to drink," said Redface. "Won't you join me?"

well."
"Which is what?" asked Redface. "Which is what?" asked Redface.

"Take up a collection during the ceremony," said the Knocker. "Pass the plate just as they do at all other services, only for the benefit of the bride instead of the heathen, the missionary or the sewing circle. Why not?"

"Oh Gee!" cried Redface. "Why that would make all the wedding presents anonymous."

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A strong current of fresh air rushes

cone just as in the Mammoth cave of entucky. After breathing the air for time fatigue is forgotten.

Pay by the Throat.

(Philadelphia Record.)

MONTANA'S GREAT CAVE Mouth at Top of Mountain Ex-

tends Into Depths.

subsequent explorations result in developments at all approaching the wonders increasing every step, the those of one recently made in the cave at Lime Spur, Mont, Kentucky's Mammoth cave may become insignificant in comparison.

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The cave is a recent discovery, and the lights. The air rushes upward until few know of its existence. Not more than four persons have entered the underground region.

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derground region.

The mouth of the cave is at the top of Lime Spur mountain, in Jefferson canyon, about forty-two miles from Butte, on the Northern Pacific railroad. It is about half a mile from a lime quarry owned by D. A. Morrison, who also owns the land where the cave is found. It was discovered by accident, and it was only recently that a serious effort was made to find whither the caverns led.

Hills Ribbed With Rock.

In many respects the Lime Spur cave

stalactites, but whence comes the fresh air can only be conjectured. It is supposed that miles away there is an outlet, which causes a strong current of air to circulate through the spacious chambers. The reverberating sounds come at intervals of five minutes.

Occasionally the passageway narrows until one must creek on his hands and knees. The fantastic formation of the walls seems to increase as one goes downward. The sides of the grottoes are marked with waves and ripples of

In many respects the Lime Spur cave ha sno equal. At a depth of 800 feet below the mouth of the cavern the chambers widen into rock-ribbed halls, the halls of which are covered with beautiful gypsum and stalacite tapestry. Translucent columns of stalagmite formation rise from the rock-strewn formation rise from the rock-strewn for to the lofty ceiling; festoons of curiosity wrought flowers of gypsum, studded with sparkling crystal, reflect the light from the torches of the visitors, and strange colannades of pure white incrustations, while the floor is strewn with flakes that have fallen from the ceiling and sides. By carefully observing the route the exploring party was able to penetrate the depths of the mountain. Sounds of a waterfall were heard that received among the stately columns. Another decline was encountered, too steep to scale without ropes. A stone was thrown into the blackness below, and after a long interval a splash was heard, indicating the presence of water and the columns of the columns of the following the formation with flakes that have fallen from the ceiling and sides.

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white cross and recross the specious chambers.

Unlike other caves, this cavern plunges into the center of the mountain, instead of offering a horizontal passage. The first descent is of fifty feet into a chamber, which is the home of bats. Clinging in clusters to the milk-white walls or flying about, startled by the candles, the strange creatures seem to speak of the mysteries of the caverns.

From the first landing there is a long incline, which ends abruptly in another jump of 150 feet. Rope ladders are used here, the ends being fastened to huge

At the bottom of the second landing the cave widens into a series of im-mense chambers. One room is oddly like the interior of a cathedral, with organ loft, chancel and all. A long fow of stalacties which reach from the lofty celling to the floor resemble an immense pipe organ.

The stalactites vary from six inches to an inch in diameter, and when struck

to an inch in diameter, and when struck a heavy blow give forth a deep, sonorous sound that fills the cavern with weird harmony. The one is of singular sweetness, and when the blow is repeated several times the cathedral is flooded with melody.

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The passage leads from one chamber to another until another descent begins. This time the path leads down a steep incline to a depth of 800 feet below the mouth of the cave. Here a wonderfully beautiful sight meets the gaze. On eyery side are falls of milky whiteness and oddly fashioned lacework of stalactific formation. The ceilings are high above. Grottees of bewildering beauty are on every hand.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]

McFlub—I see the senate wants to change the name of the Congressional

above. Grottoes of bewildering beauty are on every hand.

Air and Water Currents.

On one side one hears the rush of water. A stream of cold water six

(Louisvine Courier-Journal.)

McFlub—I see the senate wants to change the name of the Congressional Record. Wants something more appropriate.

Sleeth—Well, they might call it the "Vindicator."

MIGHTY DEEDS OF BUYING AND SELLING

TO BE CHRONICLED AT AUERBACH'S THIS WEEK.

Monday ushers in a week without a parallel during the season, and we want every customer of this establishment, and as many others as possible to attend the special sales that will begin Monday. A very strong and effective canvas of the New York markets has just been completed by our resident buyers and thousands of dollars worth of new high grade merchandise has been rushed to this store.

Here's the Bargain News Condensed for Busy Readers!

There'll be a Rush for these Specials Monday, 9 to 12 O'Clock.

English Longcloths

MONDAY MORNING FROM 9 to 12 O'CLOCK, And it'll pay you to get here at 9 o'clock sharp. 100 bolts white- English long cloths in 12 yard pieces, chamois finished for under-wear. Value, \$1.50, from 9 to "12 o'clock. Limit 2 pieces to a customer, at a

for 10 Cents.

the quality of these soaps, the sell usually at 10c a bar an sell usually at 10c a bar and are good values at that price, including WITCH HAZEL, R O Y A L, G L Y C E R I NE, H O N E Y, OATMEAL and PALM OIL SOAPS, all on sale

3 Bars for 10c. White Wash Silk.

1,500 yds. white soft finish Habutai Japanese wash silk, 27 inches wide, extra fine quality. Value, 60c, on sale from 9 to 12 noon, at, limit 20 yds to a

New House Wrappers

EXTRA SPECIAL — For two hours only: 25 dozen, new corded Dimity House Wrappers, come in blue, red, gray and black ground with fancy white figures, ruffle over shoulders, extra large flaring flounce. our regular \$1.00 grade. day, 9 to 12. Special

tains at 86c a Pair.

MONDAY FROM 9 TO 12 O'CLOCK SPECIAL." Just stop a moment and think what this means. \$2.00 MADRAS CURTAINS AT

86c A PAIR!

The greatest Curtain bargain we ever advertised! They are the newest cross striped grena dine Curtains in either cream red, green or olive back grounds with cross stripes o ontrasting colors. Cu hat would retail at pecial for Monday fron 12 o'clock at a

SPECIAL MONDAY MORNING FROM 9 TO 12,

Boys' Knee Pants.

In navy blue cheviots, line sewed and tape covere seams, ages 3 to 16 years regular 50c values. Specia sale price for three hours onl at 35c, or three \$1.00

Our Section.

This season gains friends daily. The prices and styles were never so tempting. Buyers who are susceptible to the influence of real econom respond quickly. Read ou clothing news today.

BOYS' KNEE PANT SUITS-I mixed tweeds and cheviot ages 3 to 16 years, worth \$3.0 a leader for this

BOYS' KNEE PANT SUITS-In Norfolk, Buster Brow square c.t styles, worth our price for this \$3.50 week at.....

BOYS' KNEE PANT SUITS-Neatly made in fine worsted serges and tweeds, ages 8 to 16 years, worth \$6.50. price this week at \$4.95 ESTABLISHED

1864

A Record Breaking Sale of

10.000 Pair of Shoes at prices that barely cover cost of the leather. This announcement tell Toilet Soap, 3 Bars a bargain story such as is seldom met with. There must be a complete clean up of our entire stock of shoes owing to the change of management. To this end prices have reduced beyond all vestige of profit and 10,000 pair of Shoes are to be sold this week at prices that barely cover the cost of leather. These quotations cinch the argument. READ:

Infants' Shoes.

Soft soles, black or red, worth 40c, Sale price	19c
Infants' black dongola button or hard soles, worth up to 75c Sale price	39c
Infants' box calf shoes, a good for general wear. Worth 95c, Sale price, sizes, 1 to 3,	shoe 64c
We have a number of broken line styles, worth up to \$1.25, we will out at, (sizes 1 to 5.)	close
Children's Shoes.	

Children's Shoes.
Child's kid shoes, red or black, worth \$1.25. Sale price
Child's extension sole shoes, with don- gola kid, uppers' values \$1.05
A large lot of sample shoes for children in fancy colors and patent leathers worth \$2.00, Sale price 980
Misses' and Children's Shoes
Child's kid shoes, with extension soles, worth \$1.40. Sale price. 95c
Child's kid shoes with light soles, worth

\$1.50

	in fancy colors and patent leathers worth \$2.00. Sale price 980	
ock. or two	Misses' and Children's Shoes	
Wrap-	Child's kid shoes, with extension soles, worth \$1.40. Sale price. 950	
Mon- 656	Child's kid shoes with light soles, worth \$1.75, sale price, (Sizes 81/2 01 05	

Little Gents' Shoes.

solid shoe for school wear, sale price, (Sizes 8 to 131/2.)
Little boys' seamless shoe. Will never "rip." Sizes 8 to 13½, Sale price
Little boys' dress shoes. Patent tip and very stylish, sizes 8 to \$1.45
Youths' Shoes.
Youth's calf shoe with heavy sole and heel. Sizes 1 to 2. Sale price for one week only \$1.10

Youth's solid box calf, seamless shoe, that will not rip, just what the boy wants for vacation, Sale \$1.35 Boys' Shoes.

Boys' Satin Calf Shoes, heavy sole and heel. (A shoe for wear.) Sizes 2½ to 5½, sale price \$1.35 for solid wear. Sizes 21/2 to

Ladies' Shoes.

We have a number of lines of ladles' high grade dress and street shoes made by the well-known Drew Selby and C. P. Ford shoe people. Paten leather and Vici kid, worth up to \$6.00. We will sell any pair \$3.75 this week at

We also have our \$4 and \$4.50 \$2.85 Slippers.

Ladies' eight strap patent leather of vici kid sandals, worth \$5. \$3.45 Ladies' Hand Bags, Ladies' fancy beaded, evening or party

slippers, worth \$4.00. Sale \$2.55 All ladies', men's, boys', youth's mis-ses', and children's slippers and Ox-fords go at sacrifice prices for this week ...

It Will Certainly Pay You to Visit

Our shoe department this week and New Nearsilk Pettilook over our bargain tables, as we have thousands of bargains that are not advertised. Notice a few of our many great of

\$1.55 | fers in the shoe window.

\$2.00 Madras Cur-Unprecedented Reductions Made on Every Tailormade Suit in Our Cloak and Suit Section.

TO REALIZE HOW PROFITABLE AN OPPORTUNITY THIS OFFERING REALLY IS. YOU MUST COME AND EXAMINE THE EXCELLENT STYLES AND QUALITIES THESE LOW PRICES WILL BUY-YES,

\$4.95	SUITS THAT WERE \$10.00,
CG 25	SUITS THAT WERE \$12.50, are now marked
\$8.25	SUITS THAT WERE \$16.50,
\$11.00	SUITS THAT WERE \$21.90.
\$13.00	SUITS THAT WERE \$26.00,
\$16.50	are now marked
\$18.75	SUITS THAT WERE \$37,50,
\$21.25	SUITS THAT WERE \$42.50,
\$24.00	are now marked
\$26.35	are now marked
\$29.00	are now marked SUITS THAT WERE \$58.00,
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SUITS THAT WERE \$67.00. \$33.50 3 Big Specials in Shirt Waists.

Two styles. One of fine At 986 Two styles. One of nne white union linen, front and back, handsomely finished with small pin tucks. The other a tan lawn waist with black polka dots.

At \$2.25 Landsome white Persian Lawn Waist, trimmed with the inch embroidery insertion, and 2 inch embroidery edging. Fancy collar

At 3.95 One of the season's most popular fabrics "SILK PONGETTES" elaborately trimmed, these waists are beautifully tailored, in tan, white and black, all sizes.

Special Monday, 5 p. m.

\$16.60

Ladies' and Misses' Street Hats, in all

The Price Concessions on Silks & Dress Goods

Are Most Generous.

Compare their modest prices with their assertive good quality and see why you ought to come here Monday.

Shirt Waist Silks.

Values up to \$1.75 at 98c a yard. Handsome shirt waist silk in dark and medium light colorings in checks and fancy weaves and solid colors. Some all grouped together. Values up \$1.75. Extra special

> A Special Clearance Sale of all

Dress Goods Remnants

fine wool dress goods remnants accumulated during two weeks of special dress goods selling. All new stylish goods in lengths sufficient for suits, skirts, waists and children's dresses. Must be closed out this week. All short ends have been marked at half price which means a clean sweep of every wool remnant

A Special Offer of 30 Ruffled **Bobbinet Bed Sets.**

From 2 to

Only sorry we haven't 200 to offer, for whoever secures these handsome bed sets will get a bargain long to be remembered. Flounced Bed Sets.

Of good heavy quality White Bobbinet, with deep full flounce, trimmed with real-lace Battenberg insertion and edge,

beautiful renaissance, medallion ters and high-class novelty effects Value \$5.00, on sale, Value \$5.50, on sale, \$3.45 Value \$6.00, on sale, Value \$7.00, on sale, Value \$8.50, on sale, \$6.40 Value \$10,00, on sale, Value \$12.00, on sale, \$8.60 \$9.80 Value \$16.00, on sale, \$11.90 Value \$17.50, on sale, \$13.85 Value \$20.00, on sale, \$15.75

Value \$22.50, on sale, per set.....

Big Savings on

White Silk Persian Mulls.

A sale you'll talk about for many day to come. Graduates take notice:

We'll sell White Silk Persian Mull value 20c; in this sale, per yard.... White Silk Persian Mulls, regular price 22½c; this week, 140 The 25c quality White Silk Mull, goes in this sale, 163c per yard..... The 30c quality you'll buy this week, per yard..... 21c The 40c grade will be reduced to, per yard..... For the 45c number, you'll pay, per yard.....

The usual 50c quality will

Special Values that Merit the Closest Attention of Economists Monday from 2 to 5 O'clock.

MONDAY FROM 2 TO 5 O'CLOCK,

A Silk Mull Sale to Bring Thousands.

READ ON-Another triumph for our Wash Goods Buyer for the price at which we bought them enables us to place them on sale at less than other mer-chants paid wholesale. So Monday, from 2 to 5 o'clock, SILK MULLS—In black, navy blue, white, cream, pink, red, and lavender. Value 186

In Our Dress Goods Department.

Limit ten yards to a customer

Sale Special at \$1.39 Each.

Says and states the newest styles of Avenue Bags, Club Bags, Envelope Bags, in fact every new, desirable style come in black and colors fitted with purse and card case, bags that sell regularly at \$2.25 and \$2.50, each cap are sale for 2 each go on sale for 3 \$1.39 nours only at each....

coats, 77c.

TWO STYLES. In Solid Black, bleated bottom, extra dust ruf-le; the other style, trimmed with bands of same materials. new effects, all lengths,

\$4.00 Marseilles Bedspreads at \$2.40 Each.

A Money Saving Marvel if there The very largest size made, fringed and cut corners for Iron beds and pearl hemmed, satis Marseilles with patent wover ack-beautiful raised designs

Value \$4.00. One to a Customer at \$2.40

Gents' Furnishing Section.

30 doz. men's fine, pleated, wisoft, front shirts, sizes, 14 to pecial for three hours

Three Record Breaking

GloveValues

FOR MONDAY AND ALL WEEK.

This offer exceeds in value-giving any we have ever made. This means more for your money than any other store

At 50c a pair.

The best best 75c grade Ladies' Pure Silk Gloves with guaran-teed double finger tips, every pair warranted, come in black, white and colors; all sizes at At 19c a pair.

Ladies' Lisle Thread Gloves in black, white, mode and gray, all sizes, the best 35c grade on

sale this week at 19c. At \$1.00 a pair. Ladies' Undressed Black Kid Gloves, in the best quality you ever bought at \$1.35 a pair, every pair warranted and fitted. Here's positively the best kid glove value ever shown at \$1.00.